



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – ANTHROPOLOGY 1010

Introductory Anthropology – FALL 2012

T, TH 11:30A-12:50P, B303

T, TH 2:30-3:50P, E305

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OFFICE HOURS: 1:00-2:00p, Tuesday and Thursday

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Pearson Custom Anthropology (2012; Textbook)
The Human Edge (2010; podcast series provided as .mp3)
Conformity and Conflict (2003; excerpts provided as .pdf)

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course studies mankind through primate and cultural evolution, symbolic systems, cultural theory and culture change.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 / 3 per week

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture

OBJECTIVES: Students should grasp basic evolutionary theory and the history of human evolution, how anthropologists study cultures across the world, the importance of language in cultures, and how material culture informs archaeologists interpretations of past societies.

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, AF, CU, CUC, KUC, GMU

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

GRADING CRITERIA:

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE			
GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C⁻	1.7	60 – 62	
D⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

Wikipedia Project	13 percent
In-Class Tests	32 percent (18 percent x 2 exams)
Take-Home Test	20 percent
Alien Observation	15 percent
Journal Entries	20 percent (5 percent x 4 journals)

Percents/points are awarded for work described above. Points can be awarded in fractions. Visit or email me at any time to get your current point total.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Tests There will be three tests in this class. The first (I) will cover cultural and linguistic anthropology and archaeology. The second test (II) will cover physical anthropology and other topics. The final test (III) will be a take-home exam. I will provide you with a study guide prior to each test.

Projects There will be three small projects for this class. The first will challenge you to fact-check a Wikipedia entry. The second project will be an observation of an alien culture. A third project is a series of short journal entries. A handout will be given for each of these projects.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/*

Topics:

Readings:

Assignments:

Section 1: Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics (September 6 – October 2):

<i>Introduction to Anthropology (Sep. 6)</i>	Chapter 1, 3 (pp. 64-90)	Go over syllabus (Sep. 6)
<i>History of Cultural Anthropology (Sep. 11)</i>	Video	Discuss Alien Obs. (Sep. 11)
<i>Culture and Race (Sep. 13)</i>	Chapter 2; Bohannan, Fish	
<i>Library Introduction (Sep. 18)</i>		
<i>Gender (Sep. 20)</i>	Fernea & Fernea, Friedl	
<i>Social Organization (Sep. 25-27)</i>	Chapter 6, 7; Harris	
<i>Belief Systems (Sep. 27)</i>	Chapter 8; Gmelch	
<i>Linguistics (Oct. 2)</i>	Chapter 4; Thompson	1st Journal (Sep. 27)

Section 2: Archaeology (October 4 – October 30):

<i>Evidence Collection (Oct. 4)</i>		
<i>Evidence and Dating (Oct. 9-11)</i>	Moodle PDF 1	Wikipedia Project Due (Oct. 9)
<i>Reconstructing Past Lifeways (Oct. 16-18)</i>	Moodle PDF 2	2nd Journal (Oct. 23)
<i>Reconstructing Past Societies (Oct. 23-25)</i>		Test I (Oct. 30)

Section 3: Physical Anthropology (November 6 – December 11):

<i>Evolution (Nov. 6-15)</i>	Chapter 11	Alien Draft Due (Nov. 15)
<i>Primates (Nov. 20)</i>	Chapter 13; Videos	3rd Journal (Nov. 20)
<i>Human Ancestors (Nov. 22-29)</i>	Chapter 14; Human Edge	
<i>Recent Human Developments & Anthropology Today (Dec. 4-6)</i>	Chapter 15, 5; Diamond	4th Journal Due (Dec. 4) Alien Obs. Due (Dec. 6) Test II (Dec. 11) Test III (Dec. 18)

Policies:

Honor & Plagiarism All students are bound by the honor code as outlined at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/Student%20Misconduct%20Plagiarism%20and%20Cheating.pdf>. This includes prohibitions against cheating, plagiarism, or alteration of documents. Furthermore, disruption of classes, theft, abuse, harassment, improper or illegal use of substances, or firearm possession will not be tolerated. Please direct any questions to me, the department chair, or dean.

Disability Students with disabilities should work through the Disability Access Office, <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/students/disabilities/index.html>. Please make me aware of any specific needs well in advance of tests or homework that would be affected.

Disruptive Behaviour Disruptive behaviour including harassment will not be tolerated. I refer you to <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/downloads/documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf> (responsibility no. 14). If you feel you have been discriminated against or harassed in any way, please let me know immediately. If you are uncomfortable talking to me, I would be happy to help you find somebody else to whom you may speak.

Phone & E-Mail Please turn off your phone during class. Phones on silent or vibrate can still cause distraction. I promptly answer emails Monday-Friday, 8:00a-4:00p. Please plan accordingly.

Make-up Exam Make-up exams will not be given. Tests are given as per the schedule set out on the syllabus, please make your plans accordingly. Please contact me well in advance if there are conflicts in your schedule (i.e., not the day or night before the test).

Attendance Class attendance is your responsibility. We will be covering material not in the book, which will appear on the test. If you will be missing a class, I do appreciate an email to let me know. Please arrange to get the notes you missed from a fellow student.